



Dress Code Policies for HCS Dances 2021-2022

Dear Hillcrest High School Families,

We would like to partner with you as you prepare for these special events by providing you with clear expectations in regard to the dress code. We do understand that it is often difficult to find outfits that are modest and appropriate, but we thank you in advance for your cooperation with us. We have included guidelines for young ladies and young gentlemen as well. ***If a student plans to bring a guest who is not an HCS student, the guest is also expected to abide by this dress code and must be interviewed and approved by Mrs. Krause, Dean of Students ahead of time.***

Please take a few minutes to read through this information and discuss it with your daughter or son. Thank you for partnering with us to make this evening special for all of our students!

Mrs. Thatcher, ASB Advisor

Girls Dress Approval Process

To ensure modesty in attire, all dresses must be approved in person by Mrs. Thatcher, ASB Advisor, or Mrs. Krause, Dean of Students. *This approval process applies to both HCS students and non-HCS students.*

Dress approval will be by appointment only, beginning Sept 13th. Appointments will be available from 3 - 4pm, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, after school, and any morning before school from 7 am - 7:30 am. Please contact Mrs. Thatcher or Mrs. Krause to schedule an appointment.

The student must be wearing the dress during the appointment in order to be approved. *No dresses will be approved via text message or email.* Alterations should be done before approval day. Any alterations made after initial viewing will require a second approval prior to the event.

Pictures will be taken on approval day. A picture of the approved dress will be at registration at the dance for verification, if necessary. *Students who arrive in dresses that do not align with what was submitted and approved will be asked to leave without a refund of their ticket purchase.*

Any non-HCS student must comply with the HCS Dress Code and must have her dress approved in person. Students can contact Mrs. Thatcher or Mrs. Krause for an appointment.

All guests must be interviewed and approved by Mrs. Krause, Dean of Students.



Dress Code - Girls

Young women are expected to wear attire that would include a semi - formal gown or other similar dresses/outfits. Dresses/outfits must be appropriately fitting (no excessive tightness) and modest. See-through apparel is not permitted.

Necklines

Dresses may not be cut below the bust line. The bust continues around your sides directly under the armpit. With arms down at your side, if flesh touches flesh below the bust line, the dress is inappropriate. The tops of all dresses must fully cover the breast area. Excessive cleavage is not allowed, nor are cutouts filled with illusion or lace. Properly fitted off the shoulder dresses with sleeves and dresses with spaghetti straps are allowed provided they follow the previous rules.

Backless Dresses

Backless to natural waist is permitted – below natural waist is not permitted. No extreme low backs and no cutouts below the waist.

Midriffs

Two piece dresses are not allowed. At no point should any part of the midriff be exposed. This includes both front and sides. Illusion or lace panels in the midriff area are not acceptable. With arms down at your side, if flesh touches flesh in the midriff section, the dress is inappropriate.

Slits

Dresses may not have slits any higher than 5 inches above the knee.

Hemlines

No part of the outfit should have a hemline higher than 5 inches above the knee. If skirts are sheer, the lining must be no shorter than 5 inches above the knee.

Dress Code - Boys

Boys are expected to wear attire that would include tuxedos, suits, or jacket and dress slacks. Clothing must be appropriately fitting (no excessive tightness) and modest. See-through apparel is not permitted.

- Collared dress shirts are required – no T-shirts.
- No visible undergarments.



Other Considerations

- No cover-ups (coats, shawls, sweaters) will be allowed over dresses that do not meet dress code. Jackets, sweaters or other garments may not be used to cover a dress that is inappropriate.
- Alterations are allowed in order to make dresses/outfits align with dress code, but dress alterations must be submitted and approved prior to the dance and remain intact throughout the duration of your attendance of the dance.

Students who arrive in dresses/outfits that do not align with what was submitted and approved, will be asked to leave without a refund of their ticket purchase.

Any guest who arrives with a student without the approved interview will also be sent home without a refund of their ticket purchase.